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School Committee Minutes 02/12/2008

Approved by School Committee February 26, 2008

**THE ARLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
6:30 PM**

Present:

Susan Lovelace, Chair	Ronald Spangler
Sean Garballay, Vice Chair	Denise Burns
Jeff Thielman, Secretary	Joe Curran

Superintendent:	Nate Levenson
Asst. Superintendent:	Kathleen Bodie
Chief Financial Off:	Sue Mazzarella
Interim Sp. Ed. Dir:	Gerald Kupperschmidt

Absent:	Sue Sheffler
Student Rep:	Callie McHugh
Student Rep:	Bobby McWatters

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Superintendent Levenson presented the Arlington Public Schools FY 09 Budget Draft Proposal "Just not enough money". This power point presentation will be posted to the website on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

The committee will continue to review this proposal, the superintendent encourages input from the parents, staff, and community, and further public discussion will take place after the Public Hearing at our next School Committee meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Russo, Arlington resident had presented to the School Committee a proposal for the school to follow on classroom instruction, course content and parent notification when certain topics conflict with the religious and moral beliefs of parents and children. He would like the School Committee to have authority not the administration on the content information provided to the students.

CONSENT AGENDA – all items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

- *Approval of the minutes from January 22, 2008
- *Approval of Warrant # 08100 dated January 22, 2008 amount of 1,719,873.87
- *Approval of Arlington Public Schools School Calendar for 2008 – 2009
- *Approval of hiring grant writing firm Robert Miller and Associates

On a motion by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Thielman it was voted to remove the approval of hiring grant writing firm and approve the consent agenda.

Vote 6:0

RECOGNITION

Ms. Lovelace acknowledged the various winter teams and their accomplishments for the season. The Battle of the Bands raised \$3,200 for the Stand Club. We had four middle school and two high school students who were named to Boston Globe Art

Scholastic award.

Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards:

*8th grade Ottoson student - Helan Dawit received the Silver Key Award
7th grade Ottoson student - Gabriella Hakim received the Golden Key Award
AHS students David Balyozian and Bonnie Leung both received honorable
mention awards and Jennifer Attanasio and Hannah Poor received Silver
Key Awards*

National Engineering Week "Future Cities" Competition Team:

*7th graders - Jeremy Norberg-Bohm, Danny Wolf, Matt Ober, Ben Chaney
6th graders - Rita Kambil, Louise Tanner and Alex Koch
5th graders from Peirce Elementary School - Maddy Smoak
Arlington resident, Dan Lovas of VHB Engineering, served as Engineer
Mentor
The Arlington Enrichment Collaborative sponsored our team
after school program and coordinated by Kim Kay Holt*

SUBCOMMITTEE

*Mr. Spangler, chair of Policy and Procedures, presented First Reading of
BBA School Committee Powers and Duties, CBI Evaluation of the Superintendent and CBI-E Superintendent Evaluation Tool.*

On a motion by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Thielman it was voted to approve the Second Reading of: BDEA School Committee Subcommittees and IGD Curriculum Adoption Policies.

Vote 6:0

Ms. Lovelace entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to hear three level three grievances and return to open session only to adjourn.

Roll Call

*Mr. Spangler Yes, Mr. Curran Yes, Ms. Burns Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Mr. Garballey Yes, Ms. Lovelace Yes,
Vote: 6:0*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee entered into Executive Session 8:00 – 10: 40 p.m.

Ms. Lovelace entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session and return to open session only to adjourn and Ms. Burns seconded this motion.

Roll Call

*Mr. Spangler Yes, Mr. Curran Yes, Ms. Burns Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Mr. Garballey Yes, and Ms. Lovelace Yes
Vote 6:0 unanimous.*

ADJOURN

*On a motion by Mr. Garballey and seconded by Mr. Spangler it was
Voted to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.*

Roll Call

*Mr. Spangler Yes, Mr. Curran Yes, Ms. Burns Yes, Mr. Thielman Yes, Mr. Garballey Yes,
Ms. Lovelace Yes
Vote 6:0 unanimous.*

Submitted by

*Karen Fitzgerald
Administrative Assistant
School Committee*